

10th National Conference on Disability - Agenda

Theme: Glocal Partnerships (GPS) - Paving the Way for Inclusive, Accessible, and Sustainable World

The 10th National Conference on Disability is being jointly organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability, Sarthak Educational Trust, and the National Abilympic Association of India. This collaboration reflects our collective commitment to promoting the empowerment and inclusion of persons with disabilities (PwDs) in various aspects of life. **About Organisers - Sarthak Educational Trust and NAAI: Empowering Inclusion**

Sarthak Educational Trust, established in 2008, is a pioneering NGO committed to mainstreaming and empowering Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) across India. Operating in 25 locations, we've impacted over 2 million PwDs through comprehensive services in health, education, skill development, employment, and advocacy. Our collaborative efforts extend through the India Disability Empowerment Alliance (IDEA), and our digital solutions – CapSarathi, RozgarSarathi, GyanSarathi – transcend borders with our UK Chapter. Partnering with the National Abilympic Association of India (NAAI), we spotlight PwD talents through skill competitions at regional, national, and international levels.

About National Conference on Disability: A Nexus of Ideas and Action

The 10th National Conference on Disability, organized by Sarthak since 2014, stands as a distinguished platform for stakeholders including government bodies, corporates, media, academia, DPOs, NGOs, and PwDs. It ignites dialogues, fosters collaborations, and envisions an inclusive world. The conference aligns perspectives, celebrating advancements while sculpting an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable future. The 10th NCD's array of events resonate with the core objectives of inclusivity, knowledge dissemination, and fostering synergistic collaboration. The event encompasses thought-provoking panel discussions, spirited North Zone Abilympics, inauguration of the Sarthak Global Resource Center, Start-up Investor Meet, and an enriching exhibition in partnership with the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DePWD). The conference features an elaborate tapestry of enlightening events, each artfully aligned with the overarching vision of inclusivity and empowerment:

- **Exhibition:** Showcasing groundbreaking innovations, initiatives, and projects in disability empowerment. As well as creative products by PwDs.
- **North Zone Regional Abilympics:** Showcasing PwD talents through skill competitions on regional, national, and international platforms.

- **Startup Investor Meet:** Fostering innovation and collaboration between startups and investors championing disability inclusion.
- **Inauguration of Global Resource Center:** A landmark moment symbolizing empowerment's zenith.

Day 1 - Friday, 8 Dec 2023

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Panel 1: Focusing on Skill, Financial Empowerment & Excellence

- Skill Development: The Key to Empowerment and Inclusion
- Financial Empowerment Strategies for PwDs: Unlocking Opportunities

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Panel 2: Inaugural Session - Setting the Theme - Glocal Partnerships - Paving the way for Inclusive, Accessible and Sustainable World

- Navigating the Nexus of Global and Local Inclusion Efforts
- Government Initiatives: Building an Inclusive Framework
- Academia's Role in Shaping Sustainable Inclusion

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Lunch Break

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Panel 3: Government and CSR Efforts for Disability Inclusive India

- Governmental Strategies: Nurturing Disability Inclusion
- Corporate Social Responsibility: A Collaborative Approach

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Panel 4: Imagine, Innovate & Inspire - Technology for Inclusion & Empowerment of PwDs

- Technological Advancements: Enabling PwD Empowerment

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10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

North Zone Regional Abilympics

- Unveiling PwD Talents through Skill Competitions

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Exhibition - Assistive Devices/Technology and Products by Divyangjan

Day 2, Saturday, 9 Dec 2023

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Panel 1: Awareness, Identification & Intervention - Maximizing the Potential of CwSN

- Early Intervention Programs: Unveiling Potential
- Education for Children with Special Needs: A Supportive Landscape

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Startup Investor Meet

- Bridging Investment and Innovation in the Disability Sector

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch Break

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Panel 2: Global Partnerships to Accelerate Changes

- Amplifying Impact: Collaborative Strategies for Inclusion

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Panel 3: Confronting Biases and Inhibitions - Media Representation of Disabled Persons

- Transforming Narratives: Media's Role in Inclusive Representation

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Valedictory Session

- Celebrating Milestones and Reflecting on Outcomes
- Showcasing Innovative Accessibility Solutions